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Lab - Data Storage Implementation: KV & Relational

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- Sink connectors - This allows you to export data from Apache Kafka topics to any relational database via a driver.
- Source connectors - Ingests databases and stream table updates as a whole into Kafka topics.

Advantages

- Easy to configure - It takes advantage of the streamlined process of integrating Kafka with a system.
 - Scalability - Different connectors can be used to connect to as many external data sources
 - Troubleshooting is easier - error handling. Issues can be pinpointed to the specific connector where they failed and not the entire system as having a problem. This is because each topic works independently to the service it needs.
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- **Availability** - Kafka connectors rely on the Connect framework that is Kafka-based. Microservices are created that are duplicates of the original service, and for each, a new connector is built and thus if one connector is down, other connectors are able to take over and keep the system active.

Kafka converters

- JSON - Creates several config options: object.additional.properties; use.optional.for.nonrequired; decimal.format
- Avro - Requires key.converter and value.converter to serialize and deserialize data
- Protobuf _ Has 3 components to package information: type, default, importance

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- **Key-value database** - A non-relational database type using key-value pairs for data storage; whereby a key becomes the identifier and the value is the desired content.

- Advantages
 - Highly partitionable
 - Allows horizontal scaling
 - Uses compact index structures to locate values for $O(n)$
 - Real-time random access
 - Caching
- Disadvantages
 - No querying
 - Caching
- Examples
 - Amazon DynamoDB
 - MongoDB
 - Redis

Q: Applications implemented using the sample dataset

- Object detection
- Geomapping
- Hydrodynamic modeling

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